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In re Patent Application of:  
Firlik et al.

Patent No.: 7,010,351

Confirmation No.: 8272

Issued: March 7, 2006

Art Unit: 3762

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
EFFECTUATING A LASTING CHANGE IN A  
NEURAL-FUNCTION OF A PATIENT

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Examiner: R. D. Bradford

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Decisions and Certificate of Correction Branch  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the communication dated January 22, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests that the Request for Certificate of Correction filed on May 25, 2006, for the above-identified patent, be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 5, 2002 and June 5, 2003 were received and acknowledged by the Examiner.

**REMARKS**

Applicants' Request for Certificate of Correction filed on May 25, 2006, was denied by the Decisions and Certificate of Correction branch. Communication dated January 22, 2008, states that the "majority of cited references were not found in the IDS's filed 12/5/02 and 6/5/03". Applicants' attach as Exhibit A, a copy of the Form 1449 received by the Patent Office and reviewed by the Examiner on June 11, 2003.

Attached as Exhibit B, is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449, received by the US Patent Office on December 9, 2002. Applicants' request that the Corrections Branch review the Exhibits and grant Applicants' Request for Reconsideration.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this request. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 337348020US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: April 20, 2000

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Andrew D. Firlik *et al.*

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FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR EFFECTUATING A LASTING CHANGE IN A NEURAL-FUNCTION OF A PATIENT**

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**Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months of Application Filing or Before First Action – 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. Timing of Submission

This information disclosure is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever occurs last [37 CFR 1.97(b)]. The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) may be material to the examination of this application; the Examiner is requested to make them of record in the application.

2. Cited Information

☒ Copies of the following references are enclosed:

- ☒ All cited references
- ☐ References marked by asterisks
- ☐ The following:

- ☐ Copies of the following references can be found in parent U.S. Application No. :
- ☐ All cited references
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  - ☐ The following:
- ☐ The following references are not in English. For each such reference, the undersigned has enclosed (i) a translation of the reference; (ii) a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office or International Searching Authority citing the reference, (iii) a copy of a reference which appears to be an English-language counterpart, or (iv) an English-language abstract for the reference prepared by a third party. Applicant has not verified that the translation, English-language counterpart or third-party abstract is an accurate representation of the teachings of the non-English reference, though, and reserves the right to demonstrate otherwise.
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3. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(h))

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. In addition, applicant does not admit that any enclosed item of information constitutes prior art to the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

4. Fee Payment

No fees are believed due. However, should the Commissioner determine that fees are due in order for this Information Disclosure Statement to be considered, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

5. Patent Term Adjustment (37 CFR 1.704(d))

- ☒ The undersigned states that each item of information submitted herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this statement. 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d).

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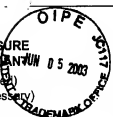
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